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STATE SUPERINTENDENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Joy Hofmeister

DATE: August 27, 2020

SUBJECT: Waiver-Textbook Allocations

The following schools are requesting a statutory waiver of 70 O.S. § 16-114a. A school district seeking flexibility in the use of state-appropriated funding allocated pursuant to this section for textbooks shall be required to demonstrate to the State Board of Education (the "Board") that the textbooks and instructional materials used by the district for the subject areas being considered in the current textbook adoption cycle are current and appropriate for student learning. Subject to the provisions of subsection E of Section 16-111 of this title, a school district that has received textbook funding flexibility approval from the Board may elect to expend any monies allocated pursuant to this section for textbooks, including any monies carried over as authorized pursuant to subsection A of this section, for any purpose related to the support and maintenance of the school district as determined by the board of education of the school district.

County	District	Request
Bryan	Colbert	Colbert Public Schools is requesting to use the new textbook funds to purchase technology for our school.
Tulsa	Bixby	Bixby Public Schools is requesting to use the new textbook funds to cover other instructional expenses related directly to their classrooms

* The number in the County category represents the Congressional District.
See the attached map.

Enclosed are the following documents:

- 1) Colbert Public Schools request.
- 2) Colbert Public School bond resolution, approved, including funds designated for textbooks.
- 3) Bixby Public Schools request.
- 4) Bixby Public School bond resolution, approved, including funds designated for textbooks.

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Attachments

Colbert Public Schools

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STATUTORY WAIVER FOR TEXTBOOK FUNDS

- A. REASON FOR THE WAIVER REQUEST. PLEASE INCLUDE WHERE YOU INTEND TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS THAT WERE DESIGNATED FOR TEXTBOOKS AND, WHAT ALTERNATIVE MEANS WILL HAVE TO BE EMPLOYED IF YOU WAIVER WAS TO BE DENIED.

We intend to purchase computers that will upgrade our computers in labs used for students in both a learning environment and for testing students. Our current lab computers are not compatible with Windows 10, which now our current windows are not supported or updated any longer. Alternative plans are to hope we don't get a virus because of no updates.

- B. LIST ALTERNATE STRATEGIES/PLANS WHICH THE DISTRICT/SITE PROPOSES, AND HOW THIS PLAN WILL BEST SERVE THE STUDENTS OR YOUR DISTRICT, I.E., A DESCRIPTION OF THE EDUCATION BENEFITS TO THE STUDENTS; PLEASE INCLUDE TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR THE SUBJECT AREAS BEING CONSIDERED IN THE CURRENT TEXTBOOK ADOPTION CYCLE ARE CURRENT AND APPROPRIATE FOR STUDENT LEARNING.

By updating computers in labs our students will be able to work more efficiently in their classroom settings and also while taking State Department of Education Tests . Our textbooks and instructional materials are adequate at this time for our students. All classrooms have Promethian Boards which allows them to access lots of information from the internet in an interactive atmosphere.

- C. HAVE YOU BEEN AWARDED THIS WAIVER BEFORE AND WHAT WAS THE EDUCATIONAL IMPACT TO THE DISTRICT: RESULTS OF THE STATUTORY WAIVER, I.E., EFFECT ON STUDENT PERFORMANCE LEVELS, IMPACT OF PLAN ON OTHER SITES IN THE DISTRICT.

No, we have not received this waiver before.

- D. PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY FINANCIAL IMPACT TO THE District (POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE) FOR THE PROPOSED WAIVER/DEREGULATION?

When guidance first came to us about using textbook funds for other areas, we were not told about the requirement to receive permission, so we used some Title I funds along with textbook funds to order computers. After we had placed the order the guidance came out to request permission. The positive would be for improving our technology, the negative is a coding issue plus using other earmarked funds.

- E. DESCRIBE METHOD OF ASSESSMENT OR EVALUATION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PLAN BOTH FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS, I.E., TLE, GRADUATION RATES, ETC.

The method of assessment or evaluation would come with our computers being updated with new upgrades and protection our older units lack. Our computers will hopefully help students while taking State Department of Education required tests because they will reduce technical issues during testing which hopefully will help graduation rates.

- F. PLEASE INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION THE SIGNED MINUTES FROM YOUR LOCAL BOARD APPROVING THIS WAIVER.

See Attached

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REGULAR MEETING – MAY 11, 2020 – 6:00 P.M

MEMBERS PRESENT: RONNIE SHOEMAKE, JEFF WEGER, RUSTY BRIGMAN, AND SAMMY KEY

FLAG SALUTE

CONSENT CALENDAR

MR. WEGER MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WHICH INCLUDED MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2020 REGULAR MEETING, TREASURER'S REPORT, ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS REPORT, PAYROLL AND CLAIMS REPRESENTED BY: GENERAL FUND (470-475). APPROVAL OF 2020-21 MINUTES CLERK, ENCUMBRANCE CLERK, ACTIVITY FUND CUSTODIANS, ALTERNATIVE MINUTES CLERKS, AND TREASURER. DESIGNATE SUPERINTENDENT AS PURCHASING AGENT, CUSTODIAN, AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR ALL STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS, E-RATE APPLICATIONS AND EXPENDITURES, OSAG REPRESENTATIVE, WELLNESS POLICY COMPLIANCE DESIGNEE, SUPERINTENDENT TO APPROVE GRANTS OR PROGRAMS THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO COLBERT SCHOOL, AND CONDUCT TRANSACTIONS THAT ARE URGENT BUT BENEFICIAL TO THE SCHOOL, ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND FILL POSITIONS AS NEEDED. APPROVE: OSIG FOR INSURANCE, CONTRACT WITH J&J EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, LLC FOR IMPACT AID APPLICATION PROCESS, CONTRACT WITH OKLAHOMA ENERGY SOURCE ENTERPRISES FOR NATURAL GAS REPLACEMENT SALES, O.T. SERVICES WITH PROHAB THERAPY SERVICES, OROS, OPSUCA, OSAC, OSSBA MEMBERSHIP, AND WALTA & WALTA ATTORNEY AT LAW, ADTI FOR DRUG TESTING BUS/CDL STAFF, OSAG FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION, SUMMITT FOR MAINTENANCE ON DIGITAL PRINTER, KIAMICHI CAREER TECH TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT FOR 2020-21. APPROVE CERTIFIED SALARY SCHEDULE AND CONTRACTS AND NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES AND CONTRACTS FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR, DESIGNATE THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES AS RECEIVING AGENTS FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR: J. DOBBS, W. WILLIAMS, BOBBY BRASHIER, BRENDA BRASHIER, L. CARTER, T. MATLOCK, STEVEN SORRELL, T. SORRELL, II, S. CARLTON, W. SCHREIER, T. CANNON, S. ABBOTT, M. HODGE, V. WASHER, T. BOWLER, C. HUEY, S. HUEY, K. DEPANION, AND R. REEVE. THERE WERE NO FUND RAISER REQUESTS. MR. SHOEMAKE, SECONDED.

VOTE: SAMMY KEY, YES, JEFF WEGER, YES, RONNIE SHOEMAKE, YES, AND RUSTY BRIGMAN, YES

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO USE TEXTBOOK FUNDS FOR OTHER PURPOSES, PRIMARILY FOR TECHNOLOGY

MR. KEY MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF TEXTBOOK FUNDS FOR OTHER PURPOSES THAN TEXTBOOKS, PRIMARILY FOR TECHNOLOGY, MR. WEGER, SECONDED.

VOTE: SAMMY KEY, YES, JEFF WEGER, YES, RONNIE SHOEMAKE, YES, AND RUSTY BRIGMAN, YES.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

MRS. CANNON TOLD THE BOARD THAT ALL WESTWARD TEACHERS HAVE CHECKED OUT FOR THE SUMMER. THE TEACHERS DID A WONDERFUL JOB WITH GOOD FEEDBACK. THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF VOLUNTEERS IN THE BUILDING CLEANING AND HELPING. PRE-K HAS A LOW NUMBER OF ENROLLMENTS AT THIS TIME. PARENTS CAN DOWNLOAD FORMS AND WE HAVE PUT OUT SIGNS WILL FORMS HOPING TO INCREASE OUR NUMBERS FOR NEXT YEAR.

MRS. CARLTON TOLD THE BOARD THAT EAST WARD ENROLLMENT IS 162 STUDENTS. THE TEACHERS ARE DOING AWESOME WITH DISTANCE LEARNING. WE ARE ALL WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE SKILLS FOR ONLINE CURRICULUM FOR STUDENTS TO UTILIZE AND WE ARE ALL REACHING OUT TO PARENTS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. ALL STUDENT SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN PICKED UP BY EVERY PARENT. REPORT CARDS WILL BE PASSED OUT NEXT WEEK, THOSE THAT DO NOT GET PICKED UP, WE WILL MAIL. 35 LIBRARY BOOKS ARE STILL CHECKED OUT, THESE STUDENTS WILL NOT RECEIVE A REPORT CARD UNTIL THEY PAY FOR THE BOOK OR RETURN THE BOOK. ASL OF TODAY, ALL EW STAFF IS RETURNING FOR THE 20-21 SCHOOLYEAR. ALL SUPPORT PERSONELL ARE DOING GREAT WITH HELPING OUT AT THE SCHOOL, EITHER CLEANING OR PASSING OUT MEALS, COACHES ARE WORKING ON THE FIELD. BUS DRIVERS ARE WORKING AT THE BUS BARN OR CAFETERIA TO GET IN HOURS.

MR. SCHEIER TOLD THE BOARD THERE ARE 190 STUDENTS IN HS AND 97 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN MS. WE HAVE HAD QUITE A BIT OF PARTICIPATION IN OUR DISTANCE LEARNING THESE LAST FEW WEEKS. WE HAVE HAD STUDENTS TURNING IN ASSIGNMENTS EVEN TODAY. MOST OF OUR STUDENTS THAT WERE FAILING HAVE DONE ENOUGH WORK TO PASS THEIR CLASSES, BUT A FEW CHOSE TO JUST KEEP THEIR GRADES, EVEN WITH ALL OF THE ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THEIR TEACHERS AND US AS PRINCIPALS. ONE OF THE PARENTS HAS ORGANIZED A PARADE FOR THE SENIORS AND MS DAVIS HAS WORKED ON A GRADUATION

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DRIVETHRU DINNER FOR OUR SENIORS THIS FRIDAY FROM 3-5 PM AT THE FARMSTEAD. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON A PLAN FOR HAVING A MODIFIED GRADUATION CEREMONY, BUT ARE BEING HELD UP BY SOME YET TO BE DELIVERED CAPS AND GOWNS.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY PROPOSED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES UPDATES

THERE WERE NO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES UPDATES

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO REEMPLOY OR NON-REEMPLOY, CERTIFIED STAFF FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

MR. KEY MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO REEMPLOY THE ATTACHED LIST FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR, MR. WEGER, SECONDED.

VOTE: SAMMY KEY, YES, JEFF WEGER, YES, RONNIE SHOEMAKE, YES AND RUSTY BRIGMAN, YES.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR REEMPLOYMENT OF SUPPORT PERSONNEL FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

MR. SHOEMAKE MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE MR. DOBBS RECOMMENDATION TO REEMPLOY THE ATTACHED LIST FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR. MR. KEY, SECONDED

VOTE: SAMMY KEY, YES, JEFF WEGER, YES, RONNIE SHOEMAKE, YES, AND RUSTY BRIGMAN, YES.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

MR. DOBBS TOLD THE BOARD THAT ASHLEY SANCHEZ WAS HIRED AS HIGH SCHOOL MATH TEACHER, HE GAVE THE BOARD THE EDWARD JONES REPORT AND READ 3 RESIGNATION LETTERS FROM STACY INMAN, CAITLIN DOSH, AND JAMIE DOTY. MR. DOBBS TOLD THE BOARD THAT WE ARE RECEIVING NUMEROUS FRAUDELENT UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS AND OSSBA IS TAKING CARE OF THESE. MR. DOBBS TOLD THE BOARD THAT MAY 22 IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE THE GRADUATION DATE IN FRONT OF THE NEW GYM. HE TOLD THE BOARD THAT WE HAVE BEEN SERVING ABOUT 600 MEALS PER DAY – MONDAYS THEY RECEIVE MEALS FOR 2 DAYS AND WEDNESDAY THEY RECEIVE MEALS FOR 3 DAYS. WE HAVE A LOT OF VOLUNTEERS HELPING TO SACK THE MEALS AND DISTRIBUTE THEM.

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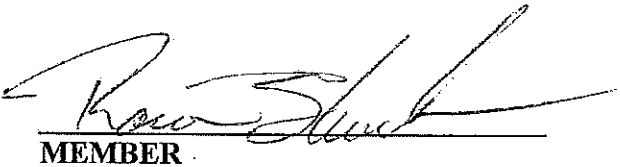
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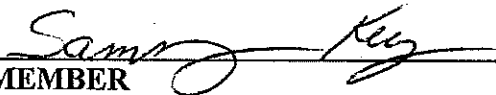
VOTE: SAMMY KEY, YES, JEFF WEGER, YES, RONNIE SHOEMAKE, YES,
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Date: July 7, 2020

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as a formal request from Bixby Public Schools for flexibility in the use of state-appropriated funding allocated for textbooks in accordance with 70 O.S. § 16-114a. The district seeks permission to utilize approximately \$35,000 from FY2020 textbook funds for the purchase of media center resources for a new elementary school site in Bixby. Bixby West Elementary and Intermediate will open this August and will serve nearly 900 students in the 2020-2021 school year.

Adequate resources have been allocated to provide textbooks and other instructional materials in the subject areas in the current adoption cycle. This reallocation of funds will not affect the purchase of classroom textbooks needed to support delivery of instruction. The funds mentioned above will be used to purchase reading resources for students in grades PK – 6 to be maintained in the media center. With additional general fund resources being obligated for COVID-19 response, the availability of other funding to support this important initiative are greatly limited at this time.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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